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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A
PRIOR TO ACTION

APPLICANT(S): Thomas ACKERMANN et al
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: P01,0184
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/DE99/03955
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INVENTION: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR PREDICTING
MEASUREMENT DATA USING GIVEN
MEASUREMENT DATA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States Examination Phase.

IN THE CLAIMS:

On page 20:

replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS--;

Please replace original claims 1-9 with the following rewritten claims 1-

9, referring to the mark-ups in Appendix A.

1. (Amended) A method for predicting measurement data until a final time-point using given measurement data, comprising the steps of:

- a) matching, using a processor, a stochastic process to said given measurement data;
 - b) running simulation runs of said stochastic process from a given time-point until said final time-point;
 - c) determining forecast measurement data for each simulation run;
- and
- d) predicting measurement data by stating a range of values, which is determined by said forecast measurement data, and providing said predicted measurement data as useable output.

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